

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 1817 - HB 1939**

April 21, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Excludes the value of federal veterans education benefits from eligibility determinations for public assistance programs such as Families First, TennCare and Food Stamps to the extent permitted by federal law.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

According to the Department of Human Services and the Bureau of TennCare, most programs already exclude federal veterans education benefits from eligibility determination. In those cases where it is included, federal law will not allow an exclusion. Since the bill states that the benefits are to be excluded only to the extent allowed by federal law, any impact is estimated to be not significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director